

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition which comprises: an asiaticoside that is enwrapped in the middle of liposomal bilayer membranes to form a hydrophilic opalescent suspension; and ceramide that is included in the liposomal bilayer membrane structure as an active component.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method of producing an asiaticoside-liposome composition which comprises the steps of:

- a) providing asiaticoside and a liposome;
- b) fusing the asiaticoside and lipid components of the liposome by heating or dissolved in an organic solvent to produce a lipid solution wherein the lipid components comprise ceramide;
- c) subjecting the lipid solution to an evaporation technique to produce a lipid film;
- d) hydrating the lipid film to produce dispersed lipid aqueous solution;
- e) subjecting the dispersed lipid aqueous solution to at least one of sonication, homogeneous emulsification, microjet and extruding filtration to produce an asiaticoside.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of soybean lecithin, yolk lecithin, distearoyl phosphatidylcholine, dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine, poloxamer, dimyristoyl phosphatidylcholine, tween, span, nonionic surfactant Brij, bile salt, and cholesterol.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition according to claim 1, wherein the asiaticoside and lipid components of the asiaticoside-liposome composition account for 0.1~10% and 0.1~40% of the composition respectively.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the organic solvent comprises at least one of dichlormethane, chloroform, ether and ethanol.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the said aqueous solution comprises at least one of distilled water, deionized water, purified water, and phosphate buffer.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition according to claim 1, which comprises a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition according to claim 1, which comprises a skin-penetrable pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An asiaticoside-liposome composition according to claim 1, which comprises a cosmetic.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method of producing an asiaticoside-liposome composition which comprises the steps of:

- a) providing asiaticoside and a liposome;
- b) fusing the asiaticoside and lipid components of the liposome by heating or dissolved in an organic solvent to produce a lipid solution wherein the lipid components comprise ceramide;
- c) mixing lipid solution with an aqueous solution to produce a dispersed lipid aqueous solution;
- d) subjecting the dispersed lipid aqueous solution to at least one of sonication, homogeneous emulsification, micorjet and extruding filtration to produce an asiaticoside.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the asiaticoside and lipid components of the asiaticoside-liposome composition account for 0.1~10% and 0.1~40% of the composition respectively.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the asiaticoside and lipid components of the asiaticoside-liposome composition account for 0.1~10% and 0.1~40% of the composition respectively.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the organic solvent comprises at least one of dichlormethane, chloroform, ether and ethanol.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the said aqueous solution comprises at least one of distilled water, deionized water, purified water, and phosphate buffer.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome composition comprises a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome composition comprises a skin-penetrable pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome composition comprises a cosmetic.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome composition comprises a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome composition comprises a skin-penetrable pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the asiaticoside-liposome comprises a cosmetic.